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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, December 4.
A Bill will be submitted to the new French Chamber of Deputies soon after it assembles with the object to reduce military service from 3 years to 2.

France, Great Britain, and Italy are working through their ambassadors in Washington to prevent an adjournment of the Supreme Council in Paris until after the exchange of ratification. M. Clemenceau having made it plain that the signing of the protocol by Germany must precede ratification. The German game of procrastination is based on the failure of the United States Senate to ratify the treaty. America's delegates have decided to sit in the Supreme Council no longer. One of the American delegates, probably Henry White, will remain in Paris after the departure of the other delegates.

The sale of the German state railways to the United States is proposed in the German Finance Minister's organ. Most of the German papers strongly object; they never heard of such a humiliation.

The Bucharest parliament the new premier has proclaimed Roumania's solidarity. Nevertheless there is great opposition to the ratification of the treaties.

The election of the president of the French Republic on February 2 next year begins to be the subject of much comment. M. Poincare has declared that he intends to stand again for the presidency. M. Clemenceau's intentions are unknown.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE HOSTEL.

NEW BUILDING OPENED.

Yesterday was a red-letter day in the history of St. Paul's College, marking the opening of the new hostel; this ceremony being performed by H.E. the Governor, Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G. The new extension has a frontage on Upper Albert Road, occupying the site formerly known as College Gardens. It is built of brick faced with rough cast, containing 48 large rooms and several smaller ones. It covers an area of 8,200 square feet. On the ground floor are eight bedrooms, dining, library and common rooms. The first floor contains a small sitting room for the staff, 15 bed rooms, washing room and two halls. The top floor has been built as two self-contained flats. The architect was Mr. A. P. Samy and the contractors Mr. Lam Woo and his brother.

The opening ceremony was well attended by both Chinese and foreigners, among those noticed present being Bishop and Mrs. Lander, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Archdeacon and Mrs. Barnett, Commodore and Mrs. Gurner, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Dr. Sanders, Rev. A. D. and Mrs. Stewart, Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Hewitt, Rev. V. H. Corley Moyle, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Dr. T. W. Pearce, Rev. E. W. Martin, Messrs. J. L. Macpherson, S. W. Tso, Ho Kom Tong, A. P. Samy, B. W. Tape and Wong Kwong Tin.

His Excellency arrived accompanied by his A.D.C. and was received by the Rev. A. D. Stewart and members of the extension committee.

The proceedings opened with prayer by Archdeacon Barnett, following which Mr. S. W. Tso, Secretary of the Extension Committee, read the following report:—

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—St. Paul's College was founded in 1849 by the Rev. Vincent Stanton, the first Colonial Chaplain to Hongkong, with the object of teaching English to Chinese boys in the hope that such a school might exert a good moral influence not only in Hongkong but also on the mainland of China. It was the first school in Hongkong to teach English to Chinese boys and throughout almost the whole of its long career it has continued to work on the lines laid down by the founder, while never losing sight of the primary object of training Christian teachers. In February, 1909, under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society, the school was reorganised with the object of providing English and Chinese education on a moral basis for those with moderate means. Opening with two teachers and 16 boys, the first year ended with five teachers and fifty-three boys. The following year the number was nearly doubled and it was difficult to find accommodation for so many students. In 1911 it was suggested that another building be added to the College and a strong committee was formed under the leadership of Sir Kai Hoi Kai, who had already shown himself a true friend to educational work which had for its aim the moral uplift of his own people. Thanks to the generosity of many Chinese friends a sum of \$25,000 was soon raised. Dr. Wu Ting Fang, a former student of the College in its early days, giving a good lead with a donation of \$5,000. On March 14, 1911, the foundation stone was laid by Sir Frederick Lugard who, in wishing hearty success to the school, foreshadowed a yet further extension in the future, expressing the hope "that sometime in the future the difficulty of finding space for boarders in this school may be solved, possibly

by building a new residence for His Lordship the Bishop." The building was opened in October and the school rapidly grew, the number of students being over 200 at the end of that year. The following year the number sprang to 300 and the school was again full to its limit. In 1913 the West Wing of the main building was pulled down and rebuilt in such a way as to provide more class rooms. The seating accommodation was thus increased to 350 "students" which number was reached almost immediately and has been maintained up to the present year, applicants having to be turned away for lack of accommodation.

In the same year (1913) an attempt was made to meet the urgent demand for boarding accommodation and two houses were rented for a time, in Leung Fai Toi Terrace. The experiment proved an immediate success and soon after two houses were taken in Caine Road. At the beginning of 1916 a large and commodious building at 11 Caine Road was obtained capable of holding nearly 60 students and teachers; together with class room accommodation and play ground. From the very first the Hostel has been full; bearing witness to the fact that it has met an urgent need. The crowded condition of the school and also of the Hostel has again led to the need of further extension; and Sir F. Lugard's suggestion of building a new residence for the Warden (at present the Bishop of Victoria) elsewhere, is now part of the extension scheme. Bishop Lander is of opinion that a smaller and less dilapidated episcopal residence in a quieter and cooler locality would be more suitable and less expensive to keep up. Mr. Chan Harr, a member of the College Council, therefore kindly invited a number of Chinese friends to meet and discuss the scheme. A Committee was formed consisting of the following members: Messrs. George Banker, Chan Harr, Ma Wing Chan, Lam Woo, Tsoi Hing, Kwok Chuen, Chau Siu Ki, Leung Yan Po, Cheong Sum Woo, Siu Ying Chau, Yung Tsz Ming and Dr. Wu Tin Po with His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria as Chairman, the Rev. A. D. Stewart, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. S. W. Tso as Secretary to prepare the scheme. It was recommended by this committee therefore,

(1) that a Hostel capable of accommodating at least 80 students, besides European and Chinese staff, should be erected on the site where the two houses known as the College Gardens stood; they having been greatly damaged by the earthquake; (2) that a house be purchased or erected elsewhere for the Bishop as his episcopal residence, and (3) that when such a house and some repair funds are provided for the present Warden's, i.e. the Bishop's residence (saving a portion for the Bishop's office) be taken over and converted into class rooms capable of receiving 200 more students; a large Hall with a seating accommodation for at least 700 persons, a Gymnasium and a Library.

The total amount needed for the whole scheme was estimated at about \$175,000, but it will probably be fully \$200,000. In order to get this amount the Committee suggested that the donor of \$10,000 who first pays in that amount shall have the privilege of naming the Great Hall and shall have his portrait, done in porcelain, placed in a prominent position; that donors of the following amount may have the privilege of naming as follows:—The Gymnasium, \$5,000; The Library, \$3,000; A Class Room, \$1,000.

These rooms may be given as memorials and the portrait and name of the commemorator will be placed in the room as a permanent memorial. (Continued on page 10.)

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GERMANY AND THE ALLIES.

LONDON, December 3rd.
The newspapers emphasise that the strained position between Germany and the Allies is evidenced by M. Clemenceau's stern reply to the latest German Note. It is pointed out that Germany's attitude towards her Armistice and Treaty obligations has become worse since the American Secretary's discussions of the Peace Treaty, and the insolence of her attitude on the subject of the repatriation of war prisoners, which is dependent on the ratification of the Treaty and the surrender of war criminals, is merely the corollary to her refusal of the repatriation of the Scapa scuttlers and the abrupt withdrawal of her delegates from Paris. She is apparently attempting to exploit the differences among the Allies, and, simultaneously, avert a monarchist military outbreak in Germany by making a show of defying the victors wholly in accordance with the old German spirit. The papers declare that the Allies must adopt stern measures.

PARIS, December 5th.
A Havas message says:—
Marshal Foch was summoned to a meeting of the Supreme Council to-day, the session being secret. Those present were only the British, American, Italian and Japanese delegates. The report submitted by Marshal Foch was sober, presenting no alarmist view of the situation, but pointing out the danger to Central and Eastern Europe possibly arising from a German army 400,000 strong instead of 100,000, according to the Peace Treaty.

PARIS, December 3rd.
The Supreme Council has addressed a Note to Berlin protesting against the increase of armaments in Germany as contrary to the terms of the Versailles Treaty.

The division of the American Delegation to remain in Paris is emphasised by the visit of Mr. Frank L. Polk to Baron Lersner, the Chief of the German Delegation, with whom he had an interview at which he most firmly insisted on compliance with the terms of the Versailles Treaty in regard to armaments.

PARIS, December 3rd.
Baron von Lersner, interviewed by Reuter's correspondent, said he was authorised to sign the Protocol of Ratification if the last sentence in it were eliminated. This reserved the right of foreign armed forces to enter Germany after peace had been effected, and if any infringement of the terms occurred. Von Lersner acknowledged that the wording of the sentence in the Protocol was only intended to apply to important matters, but contended that when put to the test it might be applied to insignificant points.

Von Lersner said that Germany's suggestion to invite decisions from the Hague Convention regarding responsibility for the Scapa Flow incident were based on the argument that Germany was not responsible for what had happened, but desired an impartial judgment. Germany was willing to sign the Protocol immediately the Allies agreed to that proposal.

He contended that the Baltic question already had been settled by complete evacuation of the German troops from Lithuania. He denied the meeting with Mr. Polk earlier.

LONDON, December 3rd.
The Admiralty, in a communiqué, referring to Germany's contention that Admiral von Reuter scuttled the fleet in the Scapa Flow without the knowledge of any German civil or military authority, publishes the translation of a letter found in the safe of the salvaged flagship *Zenden*.

The document, which is dated May 9th and marked "Most Secret," was written by Admiral von Trosch, Chief of the German Admiralty, to von Reuter. It discusses the Allies' probable intentions as regards the fate of the interned fleet which the writer declared, however, cannot be decided without German co-operation, and without being consummated by Germany.

The writer emphasised that surrender to the enemy was out of the question.

The communiqué cites the foregoing and other instances by way of refutation of the German allegation that German orders failed to reach von Reuter.

It shows that the last orders reached him on June Secretary for Ireland offers £500, a free pardon from the Crown, and protection anywhere in the Dominion to any but the actual miscreants.

RUMANIA.

PARIS, December 3rd.
Rumania's reply to the ultimatum, dated on November 30th., has not yet been published, but a long telegram has been received from Bucharest to-day, together with the report of the resignation of the Rumanian Cabinet.

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BOXING.

SPARKLING TRAINING BOUTS

The contestants representative of the Navy in the forthcoming boxing tournament exhibited their paces at the Naval Yard last night before a good crowd of spectators which included Sir William Rees Davies, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr. C. F. Mason and two ladies.

The show differed from most events of a similar nature in that the boxers went in for some healthy wallops which had the effect of making them careful. Of showy cleverness there was little; all were out to hit and every movement "had a meaning of its own." Of the bouts that between Sky Kerrison and Seaman Hewlitt was the best. Indeed if it had not been for Hewlitt's perpetual smile and a jocular remark or appreciative "good" from Kerrison, one would have thought they were out for business. The whole room grinned when Kerrison stopped a couple of beauties with his jaw and ejaculated "you scoundrel." Hewlitt's performance was very favourably remarked upon. He is a well made man with a good reach. He has a good turn of speed and is clever both in handing out punishment and in evading it. He is in fine condition and went through six fast rounds without a sign of weariness. He meets Peggy Evans on Saturday and a good fight should result.

Kerrison, who meets Stoker Waters in the top liner, gave a very favourable display. His double hand work was very interesting to watch and difficult to get away from. Daniels who takes part in an eight round contest with Stoker Neil, was put up against an experienced and heavier boxer in Parsons. He struck us as a hard hitting and clever boxer who will take some stopping by a man of his weight. This contest should provide a few thrills. Sergt. Rogers of the Wiltshires was also out but frankly he is not in the same class as the others who were boxing. He is a trier however, and can do damage with a snappy straight hit. He should tot up quite a number of points with it.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[Translated for the China Mail from the Wah Tsai Yat Po.]

PEKING, Dec. 8.

Forty thousand citizens assembled outside the Tin An gate to talk about the Foochow outrage, and Japan's impudence in landing forces there. They agreed to refuse Japanese banknotes in future. They agreed to refuse any goods coming from Japan. They passed a resolution that the Japanese Consul at Foochow should be removed. They passed others in favour of an apology, an indemnity, punishment of the murderers, of the Japanese police at Foochow, and of a promise to behave in future. Then, after solemn pledges to carry on the boycott till they got satisfaction, they dispersed in an orderly manner. The Peking General Chamber of Commerce supported all this, and took part.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8.

Mr. Chu Yan Yuen will be director-general of the Tobacco and Wine Bureau. There will be an American as co-director. This looks as if the American loan has gone through.

General Pan Kwai Hing, Kirin Tuchun, reports that the Bolsheviks have destroyed Sap-pu-chum Bridge and blown up three Japanese military cars. A few tens of Japanese were killed.

General Chang King-yao wanted to hypothecate the Hunan Yarn factory for a Japanese loan. The Cabinet objected.

KINEMA NOTES.

"A beautifully balanced programme" was the verdict of all who visited the Coronet Kinema last evening. The programme, which will be repeated this evening includes a funny "Bray" cartoon and a "nature picture" the great feature of which is a monkey eating a raw egg. The antics of the animal are so exceedingly funny that the film almost outrivals the mirth provoking Chaplin pictures. Next there is a five-part drama, entitled "All Men", featuring Robert Warwick and Mollie King. This drama, of course, embodies a strong love interest and the plot, although not original, is so worked out as to make the picture a novelty. It is the story of a millionaire's son who is sent on his father's ranch to "make good." The hero does so with a vengeance, for he becomes possessed of wealth exceeding that of his father, in lucky land speculation. The music fits in remarkably well with the picture and the whole provides a most acceptable film. There is also a Chaplin film entitled "The Millionaire" which is quite up to the usual standard.

THEFT OF A WRIST WATCH.

Brought before Mr. Wood this morning on a charge of theft of a gold wrist watch, a Chinese who said he arrived from Singapore only two days ago, pleaded "guilty."

Inspector Gerrard said the defendant went to a jeweller's shop in Yaumati yesterday, and asked to be shown some watches. The watch in question was produced and after inspecting it, the defendant said he would not buy it as he thought the price asked was too high. The shopkeeper returned the watch to the show case and the defendant went away. He returned a little later and asked for the watch saying he had decided to take it. As soon as it was handed to him, he sulked his words to a "T," and "took" the watch away with him rather hurriedly. So hurriedly indeed, that he forgot to pay for it. The shopkeeper who was not going to be "had" so easily, blew a police whistle and an Indian constable stopped the slippery customer and took him to the "lock-up." When he was searched there, he had only one cent in his pocket.

His Worship gave the cute thief one month's free board and lodging, in exchange for which he has to do hard labour picking oakum.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The Admiral Line s.s. "Wytheville" (Capt. Rodick) arrived this morning from New York.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Fushimi Maru," arrived this morning from Singapore with passengers and mails.

The D. L. & Co. s.s. "Haiyang" (Capt. Passmore) arrived this morning from Wuhu with 2,196 tons of rice.

The P. M. S. S. Co. s.s. "Lake Gilken" (Capt. Allen) arrived yesterday from San Francisco with 23 sacks of mails.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Asia Maru," (Capt. Tanaki) arrived yesterday from Singapore with 520 tons of general cargo.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Muroan Maru" (Captain Yamada) arrived this morning from Yokohama with 340 tons of cargo and mails.

The B. and S. s.s. "Taming" (Capt. Richards) arrived yesterday from Manila with 1,600 tons of general cargo. There was a case of cholera on the voyage.

The J. M. and Co. s.s. "Loong Sang" (Capt. Booker) arrived yesterday from Manila with 3 European passengers, 1470 tons of general cargo and 16 bags of mails.

DEPARTURES.

The I.C.J.L. s.s. "Tjikini" (Capt. Buys) left at 4 a.m. to-day for Batavia with 4,500 tons of cargo.

The s.s. "Hoi Yung," (Captain Passmore) leaves at 6 p.m. to-day for Canton with through general cargo.

The s.s. "Kai Ping," (Capt. Vallois) leaves at 7 a.m. to-morrow for Haiphong with 100 tons of general cargo.

The C. M. S. S. Co. s.s. "Hsin Chang" (Capt. Wallace) left at 4 p.m. to-day for Shanghai with 200 tons of cargo.

The s.s. "Victoria," (Capt. Fisher) China Australian Line, left at noon to-day with 1,100 tons of general cargo for Melbourne.

The J. M. and Co. s.s. "Cheong Shing" (Capt. Van Courtlands) left at 4 a.m. to-day for Weihaiwei with 800 tons of general cargo.

The D. L. & Co. s.s. "Haihong" (Capt. Evans) left at noon to-day for Foochow with 7 European passengers and 800 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Hanoi," (Capt. Morvan) Lapicque & Co. left at 2 p.m. to-day for Haiphong with 6 European passengers and 400 tons of general cargo.

MAILS DUE.

The following mails are due:—
From Straits per s.s. "Japan" Dec. 12.
From Shanghai per s.s. "Teau," Dec. 11.
From Straits per s.s. "Inaba Maru," Dec. 11.
From Shanghai per s.s. "Tsushima Maru," Dec. 10.
From U.S.A. Canada and Manila per s.s. "Tenyo Maru" Dec. 11.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major G. H. Wakeman, V.D., Acting Administrative Commandant.

PARADE.

There will be a parade of the whole Corps (including men previously excused attendance at parades, and the Cadet Company) on Wednesday, 17th instant, for inspection by His Excellency the Governor.

Fall in at 5.00 p.m. on the North side of the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground.

Dress: Drill order (i.e. Cap, Tunic, Shorts, Putties, Belt, Sidearms and Rifle).

The Mounted Section will wear Breeches instead of Shorts.

"D" Company will not carry Rifles or Sidearms.

Officers will not wear Swords.

G. E. STEWART, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps.
Hongkong, Dec. 9, 1919.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE.

A practice shoot for possible and probable members of the Hongkong Defence Corps team will take place at King's Park Range on Saturday, 13th instant, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Ammunition should be purchased at Headquarters not later than 1 p.m. on Saturday, 13th instant.

FORGED RUPEE NOTES.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this morning, Detective Inspector James Watt charged a Chinese with attempting to pass 27 forged ten-rupee notes at the Mercantile Bank of India yesterday. The Inspector told his Worship that the defendant visited the Bank yesterday and attempted to change the rupee notes for Hongkong bank notes. The people at the bank found the notes were not genuine and detaining the defendant, communicated with the Police who arrested him.

Mr. Gardiner who appeared for the defence, while admitting possession of the notes, denied that his client attempted to pass them knowing them to be forged. The defendant, he said, was a steward on the s.s. "Kyong-sang," and got the notes in the course of his travels.

Counsel asked for a remand as he wanted to call witnesses for the defence.

His Worship remanded the case until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

ALLEGED UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF RICE.

A Chinese youth, who was this morning charged before Mr. Wood with the unlawful possession of a quantity of rice valued at 17 cents, pleaded that he bought the rice from a woman whom he did not know.

A Chinese detective said he was on duty in Canton Road, Yaumati, at 5.45 p.m. yesterday when he saw the defendant who was carrying his cap under his arm. Witness asked him what he had in the cap and the defendant opened it and showed him some rice. Asked where he got the rice from, the defendant said he bought it from a woman for eight cents. As the rice was worth about 17 cents, witness disbelieved the defendant's story and took him to the station.

Giving evidence in the witness box, the defendant told his Worship, between sobs, that he was a coolie. At about 6 p.m., yesterday, as he was returning home from work, he saw a woman with a basket of rice. He saw many other coolies buying rice from her, and walking up to her he bargained with her and eventually bought the rice (produced) for eight cents. Immediately after the woman left, the detective, whom he alleged saw him buy the rice from her, came up and arrested him. The woman was a stranger to him and he did not know where to find her.

Replying to his Worship, Inspector Aris, who was in charge of the case, said he could not offer any reason why the defendant's story as to the buying of the rice should not be believed. His Worship discharged the defendant and ordered the rice to be returned to him.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

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THE PROJECTED NEW ISSUE.

The N.C. Daily News of December 3 said:—Great rejoicings were evident yesterday when it became known that at a meeting of the Consulting Committee of the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., held in the morning, it had been decided to recommend a dividend of Tls. 65 per ordinary share. This announcement was, we understand, telephoned to the Stock Exchange in view of the great interest at present taken in cottons.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss on October 31, 1919, is Tls. 1,475,687.79, which shareholders are to be asked to distribute as follows:

To pay a dividend on Preference Shares at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum	Tls. 628,000.00
To pay a dividend of Tls. 65.00 per share on 15,000 Ordinary Shares	975,000.00
To write off Plant and Machinery	100,000.00
To write off Buildings	50,000.00
To write off Furniture	1,000.00
To add to Special Repairs and Renewals Fund	80,000.00
To add to Cotton Fluctuation Fund	100,000.00
To give to War Funds	20,000.00
To pay Bonus to Staff at Mills and retiring allowance to the late Mill Superintendent	60,000.00
To create Chinese Superannuation Fund	40,000.00
To carry forward to New Account	3,687.79
	Tls. 1,457,687.79

There can be no question that this is a very handsome showing, on which the management deserves to be complimented. Whether it invalidates the repeated warnings given in these columns against the present boom in cottons is another matter.

On Monday afternoon Ewo's were being quoted at Tls. 680 for December the return on which at Tls. 65 is a trifle under 10 per cent., a decent rate but not a specially high one in view of the uncertainties of cotton. Twelve per cent. would probably be the least that an investor would look to get in so fickle a commodity.

Yesterday Ewos were actually quoted at Tls. 900 for March. What possible justification can there be for an increase so enormous in only three months? Could any stronger reason be required for thinking that the whole thing is just a huge matter of betting? That certainly is the opinion of many hard-headed men, and it is a fact worth noting that some of the stockbrokers are rigidly abstaining from touching cottons at all.

Rumours were current yesterday, as no doubt they have been for some time past, that something even better may be expected in the near future than the Tls. 65 now declared—and in some obscure way this expectation was connected with the announcement (of which full details appear in our advertisements to-day) of the issue of the 5,000 unissued ordinary shares.

But there is another way of looking at this issue. The price at which they are to be offered is Tls. 195, and every holder of three of the old shares is to be entitled to one of the new. Now three into 195 go 65, which is the amount of the dividend recommended on the past year. That is to say that the Company will be enabled to pay its dividend not in cash but in shares.

In passing, it should be emphasized that there will be no fractions. A holder of 10 old shares will only be entitled to three new ones. To get more he must buy up to the next multiple of three.

We do not in any way mean to imply that the Company is not fully entitled to pay its dividend in shares instead of cash if it wishes to do so.

But looking at the thing from the point of view of cottons at their present prices and as an investment, what is likely to be the result? Of course recipients of the new shares, getting them at only Tls. 195, will be able to dispose of them at a good profit even for cash, still more so on paper. But, looking further ahead, it means that the Company will have to pay dividends on 20,000 shares instead of 15,000, with all the uncertainties which the future holds in things in general and cotton in particular. And once again, let us refer to the new mills which are impending, with the prospect not only of competition, but of their paying higher wages to tempt away skilled workers from the old mills: and new ones cannot be started without at least a leaven of skilled workers. Labour, in more ways than one, threatens to be a serious factor in the future of Shanghai.

In general it is hardly too much to say that an absolute certainty of present conditions continuing for four years to come would not justify the present boom.

As an illustration of the discrepancy which may creep in between assumptions and realities, we may refer to the figures supplied us last week by a reader who took exception to our articles against the boom. In those, it may be recalled,

SHIPS DUE TO ARRIVE.

FROM EUROPE.

The s.s. NELEUS, due here Dec. 9 and sails for Shanghai and Japan Dec. 10.
The s.s. NINGCHOW, due here Dec. 25 and sails for Shanghai and Japan Dec. 28.
The s.s. INABA MARU, left London Nov. 1 and is due here via Suez Dec. 10.
The s.s. BADENIA, due here Dec. 5 and sails for Tsingtau, Shanghai and Japan Dec. 8.
The s.s. HELENUS, due here Dec. 18 and sails for Shanghai and Japan Dec. 17.
The s.s. TELESIA, due here Dec. 13 and sails for Japan Dec. 16.
The s.s. AGAPENOB, due here Dec. 28 and sails for Shanghai and Japan Dec. 29.
The s.s. BELLEPHRON, due here Dec. 29 and sails for Tsingtau and Japan Dec. 30.
The s.s. LAOMEDON, due here Jan. 6 and sails for Japan Jan. 7.
The s.s. KNIGHT OF THE GARTER, due here Jan. 6 and sails for Shanghai and Japan Jan. 7.
The s.s. TELAMON, due here Dec. 25 and sails for Shanghai Dec. 28.
The s.s. DEMODOKUS, due here Jan. 6 and sails for Shanghai and Japan Jan. 7.
The s.s. ANTILOCHUS, due here Jan. 13 and sails for Japan Jan. 14.

FROM JAPAN.

The s.s. TOTOMI MARU, left Kobe Nov. 29 and is due here via Osaka and Moji Dec. 8.
The s.s. NOVARA, leaves Yokohama Nov. 30 and is due here via Kobe, Moji and Shanghai Dec. 10.
The s.s. ARRATOON APCAR, leaves Kobe Dec. 4 and is due here via Moji Dec. 11.
The s.s. MISHIMA MARU, leaves Yokohama November 28 and is due here via Kobe, Moji and Shanghai December 12.
The s.s. SADO MARU, leaves Yokohama December 12 and is due here via Japan ports and Shanghai December 26.
The s.s. KITANO MARU, leaves Yokohama December 28 and is due here January 9.
The s.s. TELESIA, leaves Yokohama Jan. 3 and is due here Jan. 20.
The s.s. TEUCER, leaves Yokohama Dec. 2 and is due here Dec. 17.
The s.s. TY EUS, leaves Kobe Dec. 24 and is due here Jan. 6.
The s.s. EURYADES, leaves Yokohama Nov. 29 and is due here Dec. 9.
The s.s. IDOMENEUS, leaves Yokohama Dec. 9 and is due here Dec. 23.
The s.s. NELEUS, leaves Yokohama Dec. 23 and is due here Jan. 6.

FROM SHANGHAI.

The s.s. EURYADES, leaves Shanghai Dec. 6 and is due here Dec. 10.
The s.s. ARNA, leaves Shanghai Dec. 17 and is due here about Dec. 22.
The s.s. KNIGHT TEMPLAR, leaves Shanghai Dec. 18 and is due here Dec. 22.
The s.s. ONFA, leaves Shanghai Jan. 17 and is due here Jan. 22.

FROM MANILA.

The s.s. IXION, leaves Manila Jan. 3 and is due here Jan. 5.

PHEUMPENH ARRIVES.

AN UNEVENTFUL VOYAGE.

The "Pheumpenh" put into port this morning and tied up safely despite the rumours current yesterday that she was on the Paracels. Our congratulatory remarks when we visited the ship this morning, to one of the officers were cut short by a smile and "we didn't go near the Paracels." Further questions showed that the "Pheumpenh" left Saigon on the 4th inst., and except for strong winds the voyage was without incidents. The Paracels were given a wide berth, so nothing was seen of the reported wrecks. Our informant added that in all probability they are old wrecks, adding that once it was known that a ship had gone, all kinds of rumours sprang up.

A telegram has been received by the agents of the "Lien Shing" from Saigon stating that the survivors number 25 of the crew and 612 passengers.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE
DE CHINE.

The business of this Bank has increased so much of late, and there are so many new agencies in course of formation, that the directors have decided to issue Francs 75,000,000 of new stock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Northcote returned to the Colony by the s.s. "Fushimi Maru" this morning.

The Portuguese lad named Noronha who was summoned by Mrs. R. Morgan, an elderly Portuguese lady, for assault, was again before Mr. Wood this morning. Mr. Leo d'Almada for the defence said that his client was willing to sign a bond without admitting any of the facts of the case. Mr. Gardiner who appeared for Mrs. Morgan told his Worship that he had instructed his client to agree to that course, and he understood she had no objection. The lad was bound over in a bond of \$50 to keep the peace for six months.

he estimated the Ewo profit for the year ending October 31 last at Tls. 2,520,000.

The actual profit now shown is more than a million taels less. So much for guess work.

WEATHER REPORT.

December 9d. 12h. 13m.—No returns from Vladivostok or Japanese stations. Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. China, and slightly from Sharp Peak to Tientsin.

The anticyclone over China has strengthened.

A depression is still shown over the S. China Sea. It is still uncertain whether it has become a typhoon.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 75.90 inches. Total an average of 82.28 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 10th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock N.E. winds, fresh; fair.

2.—Paracels Channel N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER
REPORT.

DECEMBER 9, 1919.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Vladivostok	10 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Namuro	5 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Makoto	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishijima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
San-in Island	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
W. I. I. I.	5 a. 30.37	34	83	W.S.W.	2	0	—
Hankow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chang ha	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	—	30.41	34	86	N.W.	1	b
Tientsin	—	30.24	48	69	N.W.	4	b
Sharp Pk.	7 a. 30.14	62	77	N.W.	2	b	—
Amoy	5 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paihoku	5 a. 30.18	59	91	E	4	0	—
Taihu	—	30.12	61	N	4	0	—
Taiwan	—	30.01	63	N	6	0	—
Koshun	—	29.97	72	N.E.	8	0	—
Pescadores	—	29.05	64	N.E.	8	0	—
Canton	6 a. 30.15	57	58	N	2	0	—
Hongkong	—	30.08	62	68	N	2	0
Gap Rock	—	30.05	—	—	N	6	0
Macao	—	30.06	59	63	N	6	r
Wachow	9 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Holhow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	7 a.	—	59	87	N.E.	2	0
Loupane	—	29.93	64	N.E.	2	0	—
O. St. James	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Aparri	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dagupan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	29.84	73	86	N.E.	1	0
Legaspi	—	29.81	79	10	N.E.	4	0
Iloilo	—	29.79	73	92	N	4	0
Surigao	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Boam	4.20	29.78	—	—	N.E.	4	0
Cebu	6 a. 29.77	78	70	S.W.	4	0	—

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 9, 1919.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squall, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew, wet.
7. RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Admiralty Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1903-8.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 1 inch below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 10 to 16, 1919.

Day.	Hour.	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Hongkong Mean Time	Height
Wed.	10	h m	feet	h m	feet
		0 20	4.7	5 57	0.6
Thur.	11	11 4	8.1	6 21	0.6
		1 23	4.7	7 24	0.6
Fri.	12	11 57	7.6	8 34	0.6
		2 23	4.6	9 13	1.7
Sat.	13	m 0	6.8	m 8	4.4
		3 13	4.0	m 11	4.2
Sun.	14	m 2	6.1	m 10	2.2
		4 12	4.2	m 9	4.4
Mon.	15	m 3	6.6	m 9	2.6
		5 4	4.0	m 11	4.0
Tues.	16	m 4	6.0	m 10	2.0
		6 15	4.0	m 9	2.4

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WEDNESDAY,
December 10, 1919, at 2.30 p.m.,
at No. 1 Canton Villa, Kimberly
Road, Kowloon.

THE
Valuable Household Furniture,
etc.,
therein contained.

As follows:—

Teakwood Hallstand, Upholstered
Arm-chairs and Sofas, Blackwood Fur-
niture, Carpets about 18 x 15 and 12 x
9 respectively, Curtains, etc., Mirror
back Sideboard, Extension Dining
Table and Chairs, Ice Chest (White
Tiled) New large Dinner Service, Glass
and Crockery Ware, etc., Axminster
Stair Carpet and heavy Brass Rods,
Teakwood Twin Beds (Powell make)
large and small Wardrobes, Toilet
Tables, etc., White Enamelled Bath,
and Lavatory Basins, Kitchen Utensils,
etc.

Also
Upright Piano by John Broadwood
& Sons good tone, in excellent condi-
tion, Oliver Typewriter, Electric Fittings
and Ceiling Fans, Singer's Sewing
Machine, Pot Plants, etc., &c. See
blinds.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
On view Tuesday, 9th instant from
2 p.m.

Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, December 8, 1919.

G. R.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, ON

THURSDAY,

AND

FRIDAY,

December 11 and 12, 1919, at H.M.
NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and at
KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT,
respectively, commencing each day at
9.30 a.m., with an interval from
12 noon to 1.30 p.m.,

OLD AND SURPLUS
NAVAL STORES, etc.,
Comprising:—

Life Boats (wood and steel) Dingies,
Whalers, Cabovers, Rice Boilers, Hot
Water Boilers, Cooking Stoves, Ships'
Fittings, Iron Bed Mattresses and
Fittings, Washstands, Tables, Chairs,
Sideboards, etc., Ice Chests, Steel Tanks,
Propellers, Vertical Steam Pumps, Life
Rafts, Electric Fans, Telephones, An-
chors, Enamelled Iron Baths, Latrines,
Porcelain Water Closets, Booby Bat-
ches, Wood Ladders, Steel Wire Rope
and Hawseas, Carpets, Rugs, Blankets,
Counterpanes, Electric Cable, Canvas
Hoses, Coir Hawseas, Cordage, Paper-
stuff, Canvas, Rags, Old India Rubber,
Old Leather, Old Iron, Brass, Gun Metal
and Steel, Coal Sacks, Firewood, etc., etc.

Terms of Sale:—As detailed on
Catalogue.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
By Appointment Auctioneers to the
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Hongkong, December 8, 1919.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

THURSDAY,
December 18, 1919, commencing at 2.30
p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

Valuable Chinese Porcelains,
Curios,
etc., etc.

Including a large variety of 5-coloured
and 3-coloured Vases, Wall Plates,
Table Screens, Blue and White Vases,
and Incense Burners, Old Bronze and
Brass Figures, Vases, etc., Kakemonos,
Lacquered Ware, Ivory, Agate and
Crystal Ornaments.

The above stocks recently arrived
from Peking, and include pieces from
the Ming, Kungchi, Kungchi, Kienlung
and T'ung-wang Periods. The bulk of
which will be sold without reserve.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
On view day of sale.

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Hongkong, December 8, 1919.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned),

on

SATURDAY,
December 13, 1919, at 10.30 a.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

A varied assortment of
Articles
suitable for Xmas presents
comprising:—

Brass Flower Pots and stands,
Brass Jardinières and Vases, Pyramidal
Glasses and Binnoculars, Leather Fallow
Vases and Suit Cases, Wardrobe
Trunks, Embroidered Bedspreads and
Table Covers.

Also
Sporting Goods and Xmas Toys,
Comprising:—Boys' Baseball Bats
and Balls, Footballs, Cricket Sets, Oro-
quet Sets, Lawn Tennis Poles and nets,
And
A varied assortment of Xmas Toys.
On view day of sale.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, December 8, 1919.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—At their Sales Rooms,
No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of
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A 16 Bore Hammer Gun in good
condition, in soft leather case.

This gun is eminently suitable for use
in Indo-China or North China as it is
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game.

Also
One E. P. Tent in very good
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ulars from the undersigned.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, November 22, 1919.

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LOGAN, Esq.

TOURNAMENT.

CITY HALL, SATURDAY,
DECEMBER, 13th, 1919.

AT 9.15 P.M.

1.—Fifteen-round Contest for the Wel-
terweight Championship of the Colony.
Between Sargeant SKY HARRISON,
R.N.Y.P. (Holder),
and Sargeant EDDIE WALTERS,
H.M.S. Hawkins (Challenger).

2.—Ten-round Middleweight Contest.
Between "PENNY" EVANS, H.M.S.
Hawkins (ex-Middleweight
Champion of Mediterranean
and Southern Hemisphere),
and Sargeant HEWLETT, H.M.S.
Hawkins.

3.—Eight-round Featherweight Contest.
Between Sargeant NEAL, Kowloon
Torpedo Depot,
and Officer's Steward DANIEL,
H.M.S. Ambrose.

4.—Six-round Flyweight Contest.
Between Boy FLYNN, H.M.S. Hawkins,
and Boy COLES, H.M.S. Hawkins.

5.—Six-round Middleweight Contest.
Between Sargeant ROBERTS, Wiltshire
Regiment,
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The relatives of the late Mr. John Howell may wish to thank their friends for the many expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement, also for the floral tributes.

BIRTH.

EZEKIEL.—On December 2, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Ezekiel, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

TYE—KRAIGH.—On November 29, at Shanghai, George Daniel Tye to Minerva Kraigh.

WADDELL—WHITE.—On December 2, at Shanghai, Isabelle Lillias Waddell, of Glasgow, to Norman White, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

DEATHS.

GOOD.—At Portsmouth, on November 16, Henry Good, aged 78 years, late Chief Engineer of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

EZRA.—On December 2, Mrs. E. Ezra, of Hongkong, suddenly.

SCOTT.—On December 2, at Shanghai, Augusta Mary, the beloved wife of A. R. Scott, aged 34 years.

The China Mail.

TRADE, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, Dec. 9, 1919.

ADVERSARIA.

Wu Ting Fang is one of the immortals, and he knows it. He told Chester Doyle the other day that he intended to revisit America in 1929. Chester promptly promised to entertain the old gentleman in Honolulu on his way through. Chester is to make good he will, to abandon his vicious propensity toward teetotalism. It is the fifth wonder of the world that he manages to be what he is on ginger-

Jean Graham, but not everybody can tell of it again so beautifully. Much happiness comes of those retrospections. Let others try to find suitable words for their happier memories. Not all will be worth printing, but all the essays will augment the pleasure of the essayists. Keith West's "Vignettes," one of which appears to-day, are beyond praise, as all good judges admit; but his "fragment," entitled "The Wood," has us guessing. Unless he is solemnly "pulling our legs," the thing is no good, not even as an imitation of the early Victorians. We can do that sort of thing better ourselves. Per-

Still, so still is the night, that the silence of it has weight as a pall. Through the open lattice we see the sombre pines standing among the faintly illuminated boulders on the hill. The meandering stream murmurs in its sleep; a million faint stars blink drowsily. Orion yawns hugely in his stride, and cirrus wisps trail across his path like morning mist retreating before the sun's offensive. Sleep is a wooing river of the beauty of the night; we shiver slightly and prepare to retire. Sudden as a crack in ice, as a baby's toothless smile, as the rush of strong men when someone says "what'll you take?," a cry splits the night into two halves of horror. It is a compound of shriek and of wail, of concentrated female agony and childish terror. Again and again it pierces the suffering air. The window is closed hastily. Muttering "d—those cats," we watch the gibbous moon swing above the pines, while, slowly undressing, we meditate murder. Now let the tears of Keith West fall in a vast diapason. We shan't worry.

In an essay on the "Philosophy of Composition," Edgar Allan Poe says many shrewd things; among them, this: "Most writers—poets in especial—prefer having it understood that they compose by a species of fine frenzy—an ecstatic intuition—and would positively shudder at letting the public take a peep behind the scenes, at the elaborate and vacillating crudities of thought; at the true purposes seized only at the last moment—at the innumerable glimpses of idea that arrived not at the maturity of full view—at the fully-matured fancies discarded in despair as unmanageable—at the cautious selections and rejections—at the painful erasures and interpolations—in a word, at the wheels and pinions—the tackle for scene-shifting—the step-ladders and demon-traps—the cock's feathers, the red paint and the black patches, which, in ninety-nine cases out of the hundred, constitute the properties of the literary hirsute."

On the night of Dec. 16-17, as we under-PLANETS stand it, a number of CONJUGATE planets are going to conjugate on one side of the sun, and according to some American crank whom the Rev. Mr. Machonachie has treated more seriously than he deserves, there will be a burst up which will agitate our old friend Terra Firma. The general effect of the Rev. gentleman's sermon, as we understand it, was "Keep your seats; there's no danger." But can he guarantee that? There's the rub. If (by attentive study of Whitaker) he can assure us that similar conjugations have occurred in the past without anything happening, it will be more completely reassuring. Personally, we have arranged to borrow a large sum of money beforehand—which we will not have to pay back if the world comes to an end that night—and to have a thundering good time on the proceeds. On the fateful night we will conjugate with friends at a farewell dinner, and make sure of a good wind up.

When employers, CAN'T AFFORD government or private, reply to an application for more pay that they cannot grant it, they usually mean, in the first instance, that they don't want to. In the second instance they mean that they will not if they can help it. The Government could pay its police proper wages, commensurate with the work and risks, if it liked, for it would make absolutely no difference to the individuals who constitute the Government. The difference might be felt ultimately by the taxpayers, and so far as they are concerned, there probably isn't one who would dream of taking on such a job for such pay. As for the shipping companies who say they cannot afford it, isn't that a confession that they are competing with companies who can and do, on the strength of the cheap staffs they employ? Or are they charging lower freights than the other companies? It seems odd that the other companies, charging higher freights and paying higher wages, can secure sufficient freight to compete with the companies who find business so bad. If these are wrong, and that big things will happen on December 17.

Poetry gives place to-day to prose CONTRIBUTORS: word painting. Everybody has had some such experience as that of

Herbert Spencer's "First Principles" about this, a rather fine passage, which tells how opinion is the agency through which character adapts external arrangements to itself, and how every man's opinion rightly and naturally forms part of this agency, as Spencer says, a unit of evolutionary force, constituting, with other such units, the general power which works out social changes. However he thinks, he is a product of his time. He is a child of his past. He may be a parent of the future. He is an agent through whom nature works. He is thus playing his appointed part in the world—knowing that, if he can get done the thing he aims at—well; if not—well also; though not so well. Spencer must have thought well of that passage, for it is lifted almost bodily from one of his earlier works, where it formed a peroration, and incorporated in "First Principles."

One wonders how he would have applied that argument (meant as a plea for sincerity and freedom of speech) to those men who achieve the feat of holding simultaneously opinions that are irreconcilable. Colonel D'Oyley, the first governor of Jamaica, issued an order for the distribution to the army of 1701 Bibles, and almost immediately thereafter signed another order for the payment of the sum of twenty pounds sterling out of the imperial money, to pay for 15 dogs, brought by John Hoy, for the hunting of the negroes.

Perhaps our demand for sonnets was unreasonable, as addressed to amateurs. What about a few experiments in the simpler, very cheerful form of triolets? Here, as a lead, is a neat one contributed by Jean Graham, the lady who wrote us "the Laird of Cheung Chau." It is called "To a Photograph."

I bow to you, dear, sitting there.
But yet you never smile;
You sit serenely on a chair—
I bow to you, dear, sitting there.
Why don't you offer me a share
And talk to me a while?
I bow to you, dear, sitting there,
And yet you never smile.

It is quite easy, really, if you can catch the idea, and think of 3+2 rhymes to fit. For instance, Here's a local one, To a Ricscha coolie:
I love the ricscha coolie's grin
When he invites me as a fare.
It's cumshah that he hopes to win
And that explains his jolly grin.
He fancies me because I'm thin
And easier to carry there.
So I like his very hopeful grin
And pay him just his legal fare.

A. Tack & Co., should really be advised, for wrong their own good, not to word, advertise "big bargains" in lady's shoes. Some of the "ladies" might misunderstand. Just imagine Tom Rod's famous lines made to fit Tack's idea:
Her big bargains went in and out
Like mice beneath her petticoat.

"Road in danger" SIGNS OF THE way on a board the other day, writes a reader, who also noticed in Des Vaux Road a barber's sign which said "Haircutting with best foreign chairs." We rather like the sign which proclaims "stevedores of all sizes."

This morning a lawyer said: "Morning, Bolshie. You're an enthusiast about Richard Jefferies, ain't you?"

Seen what Cartwright says about him this morning? "No." Daily Press produced, and this passage pointed out with a fat forefinger:

Much of Jefferies' work falls because he tried to write not what was in him but what he thought the public wanted. Yet even now his "After London" stands out among the romances dealing with the future that have sprung up in such profusion since. Then we opined that friend Cartwright never did it. If he did, friend-ship ceased. Probably by the office boy. We reminded the lawyer of the notice over the pianist at the cowboy dance. "Don't shoot; he's doing his best." Anybody who thinks the "Paganet of Summer" failed, or that "Amateur Poacher," "Story of my Heart," "Field and Hedgerow," and the "Gamekeeper" represent "what he thought the public wanted" would be shot in a well-adviced community. But what can you expect of a man who thinks it curious that Gissing never met Jefferies? We never heard that Jefferies lived in town, and we don't believe he ever did. The man who has the audacity to call him a "helpless dreamer" must be called a hopeless ass. We say this more in anger than in pity.

The Hongkong motorist is sound at heart. As he was buying a motor car, he thought he might as well have an English one. Several firms tried for years to get him one. This English manufacturer had to find out where Hongkong was. Then he shook his head and feared it was a long way to send. Then he raised his price after having agreed on terms. But he took time to think it over. But at last he shipped one, and it has actually arrived. It is regarded as a great curiosity.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 5s 13d.

The Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police is on a tour of inspection in the New Territories.

Bishop Lander will conduct the monthly meeting of the Mother's Union at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m.

Last week's communicable disease was: Diphtheria 5, scarlet fever, 1. In the subsequent 48 hours there was a case of cerebro-spinal fever.

An interested spectator at the match between K.C.C. and the Civil Service, at Happy Valley, on Saturday, was Brigadier General R. M. Poore, an old Hampshire County cricketer.

The Staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company are giving a dance at the Docks, on Tuesday, December 30. For the convenience of Hongkong guests, a launch will leave Blake Pier at 8.15 p.m.

The Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week were \$12,623, or \$1,180 less than last year. The aggregate receipts for 49 weeks were \$711,762, or \$35,014 more than in the corresponding period of 1918.

Mr. Y. T. Kwok (M. A., New York University) instructor in Economics at the Peking Academy of Canton, and Mr. C. S. See (Ph. D., Columbia University) who is now in Manila, will join The Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd., as Assistant Accountant and Assistant Manager respectively.

The Local Manager informs us that at a meeting of stockholders held on November 12, the Capital of the International Banking Corporation was increased from U.S. \$2,500,000 to U.S. \$5,000,000 and the Surplus from U.S. \$3,250,000 to U.S. \$3,500,000 by the transfer of U.S. \$1,750,000 to Capital Account and U.S. \$250,000 to Surplus Account from Undivided Profits which latter item now stands at U.S. \$1,064,000.

Memo. of Cargo.—Shipped per Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. agents P. & O. S. N. Co. s.s. "Traas Montes" (Transit) Sailed Dec. 6, for London:—6454 H. cs. tea, 1614 rolls mats, 575 bales canvas, 271 bales rattan, 6 cases Chinaware, 100 cases China soap, 66 bales rattan, 77 bales buffalo hides, 16 bales cow hides, 50 bales feathers, 150 cases cassia, 785 pkgs. cassia lignea, 800 cases bamboo pins and 1068 pkgs. preserves.

Mr. Henry Good, whose death is reported in our obituary notices to-day, was for many years well known in Shanghai. Mr. Henry Good was a native of Guernsey. He served his time as an apprentice engineer in H.M. Dockyard at Portsmouth and worked on the building of H.M.S. Warrior, the first iron man-of-war in the British Navy. He then became an engineer in the Blackwell Shipbuilding Works and assisted in the fitting of the engines on board the Great Eastern. He came to China in the str. "Conquest" of the China Coast Co., arriving in Shanghai on January 15, 1875, and remained in the service of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., until his resignation on June 30, 1913, after 38 years' service.

THE SHIPPING DEADLOCK.

A RUMOUR.

There is a rumour round town, to-day, to the effect that one of the possible results of a strike is the closing down of certain of the ship-owners' offices in Hongkong.

FRAGMENT II.

THE WOOD.

The wind dropped and died; a few drops of rain pattered in the trees and on the dead leaves below; pattered and left a silence among the boles of the stunted trees. The sickle moon had not yet risen; and a mist filled my throat with the suffocation of a prison. Faint on a whisper of wind, clear in the unearthly night, came a sound as of a woman sobbing—weeping her heart away between the trees—a tragedy. No other sound broke the stillness; the leaves above joined the leaves below in a tense absence of motion that I felt as positively as a cry. She seemed to sob, endlessly, eternally; tears were her world, and sorrow. Groping along the ill-marked path, feeling only by touch of hand and foot where passage might be had, I moved to the sound; slowly, haltingly. It grew in volume, seemingly I stumbled toward Sorrow itself. Sorrow incarnate, sobbing endlessly, unquenchably. The sound swelled, increased all round me, till every tree was weeping in one wild ululation. Then, with a crash, the cloud above me broke, and the tears of the night fell in a vast diapason as the sickle moon crept slowly into view.

KEITH WEST.

NON. MR. S. H. DODWELL'S LECTURE.

INTERESTING DISCOURSE ON "THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GAME."

The ladies of the Helena May Institute and a large number of their friends spent a very interesting evening yesterday, when the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell gave an interesting lecture on "Golf—the Royal and ancient game."

In opening his discourse, the lecturer said:—
Golf may truly be termed a royal and ancient game. We learn from the records that it was played before the year 1457. In that year and subsequent years it received Parliamentary notice, legislation having been passed to suppress it. The reason for this is not easy to find but presumably the youth of those times extended their week-ends playing the great game to the detriment of trade. Fortunately golf survived, and in 1503 we find it being extensively played by the king. At that time Henry VI. was King of England and James IV. King of Scotland. Which king it was who indulged in the sport we are not told. The Scots claim that it was James, but the only argument they can produce in support of the theory is that James was an ill-fated Stuart and consequently must have needed the game to console himself. I prefer to think that it was Henry. (Hear, hear). In fact whatever claims the Scots may make to the game of golf, to England belongs the credit of founding the first Golf Club in history, the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, being established in 1598. True golf was first mentioned as being played at St. Andrews in 1552, but it was not until 302 years afterwards that the inhabitants decided to form themselves into a club, in 1754. From then on we do not hear much about the game until in 1848 the gutta ball replaced the old feather stuffed ball, while in 1860 the first open championship was played and won by Willie Park, Senior. Three years later King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, was unanimously elected Captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, a great honour for the King. From then onwards golf became more and more popular, its history embracing such well-known names as the two Tom Morrises, Willie Park, Bob Ferguson, Jamie Anderson, John Ball, Hilton and later the great triumvirate.

An eminent writer, himself a great enthusiast of the game, has said of golf that "it is a contest calling for courage, skill, strategy and self-control; a test of temper, a trial of honour. It takes you out into the out-of-doors and brings you closer to nature; it is a sweeping away of the mental cobwebs, an antidote to worry, a cure for care. It gives opportunity for friendly companionship, kindness, courtesy, and generosity to your opponent, and last but not least, it is a science, the study of a life-time, in which you may exhaust yourself, but never your subject."

I believe those words, especially the last ones, "the study of a life-time," and yet I have the audacity to stand here this evening to lecture you on the subject. A few words in explanation are necessary. About two months ago I received a request from the able and astute secretary of your Educational Committee, Mrs. Ralphs, to give you a lecture on the game. She went on to say that lectures had been arranged which were of interest to the few but that she badly wanted one that was of interest to the majority, and she concluded—and this is where her astuteness came in—by saying that she knew I was a busy man but that she felt such an able speaker would need but little time to prepare for such a lecture. Appreciating the fact that golf had apparently come to be recognised as part of the education of woman I was of course naturally very anxious to assist the movement, but at that time I was unfortunately not playing very good golf—(laughter)—and I knew that your gentlemen friends would look upon it as presumption on my part to get up and pose as an authority on the game. (Laughter). So I had to make a bargain with Mrs. Ralphs. I said that if I got into the final or won the championship I would give the lecture. Well—you all know how I did not get into the final. (Laughter). I remember going home that day a disconsolate man, disconsolate that I was out of the championship and disconsolate that I was deprived of the opportunity of giving this lecture. There was one ray of hope. Knowing woman as I do—(laughter)—I felt pretty sure that Mrs. Ralphs would return to the charge. (Laughter). Sure enough the next day round came a letter to this effect: "Just to think that one putt should stand between the women of Hongkong and the one thing they have been looking forward to for months." (Laughter). I could not resist that and here I am.

As to my qualifications, I was trying to persuade myself the other day that I had some; that I had been in the final of the championship 3 times out of the six years I have played the game. I was mentioning that fact in my usual modest way to a lady friend. She replied, "Yes, Mr. Dodwell, you always were lucky in the draw, I never am." (Laughter). That more or less wiped my

qualifications away with one sweep. Perhaps there is just one, I will guarantee that no man or woman in this room this evening has studied the game from the books of its great exponents, such as Brail, Vardon, Taylor, Hilton, more assiduously than I; no one has put their teachings to the practical test more zealously than I, and no one has met with fewer successes and more disappointments. Still, success or failure, you cannot study as I have without learning something, and I want to-night if possible to give you a few hints from the teachings of these great masters—not my teaching, mind you—which I think may be of some service to you in improving your game.

THE COMMANDMENTS.

When one starts golf the first that one must learn are what I will call the commandments. There are several of them, but for my purposes I adopt four. They are all "keeps." 1. Keep your eye on the ball. 2. Keep your head still and down. 3. Keep your tail up, and, 4. Keep your temper. The first two go together, and are essential all through your game, but more so as beginners. The last two also go together and they are more important as you get on in the game and begin to appreciate fully its niceties, its difficulties and its vexatiousness. I am not supposed to be a very observant man, but I have noticed ladies and gentlemen come on to the first tee at Happy Valley and Fanling and keep their eye on the ball with a fixed glassy stare that not even the best make of ball will stand. (Laughter). I sometimes think the poor little ball must feel like a mesmerised rabbit waiting for the snake to strike, and some of them, as you know, do fall off the tee in sheer fright at the critical moment, with disastrous results. (Laughter). That is too strenuous a method of keeping your eye on the ball, but there is the other too casual method. This is most often encountered in mixed foursomes when the young ladies are going round with their best young men. Their eye is on the ball, but their mind is not. (Laughter). Thought travels so quickly that you may be absolutely sure that although your eye is on the ball, if your mind is not, your eye will be where your mind is before your club hits the ball. If therefore your mind is on the bunker in front, or the pin, or your best young man your shot is ruined. If you want to gain that approving nod from him for a good shot, you must wipe him out of your thoughts when you are playing your shot. If you take it mean between those two methods, you should do well. This commandment goes with the one "Keep your head still and down." You would be surprised how difficult it is to keep your head down all through your shot. I remember playing in the final of the championship, in 1916 I think it was, with Captain Campbell, one of the best golfers we have ever had out here. He gave me an awful hiding, and after the game he said to me "Have you ever tried keeping your head down?" Of course I was very annoyed, and told him so. (Laughter). "Well," said he, "you keep your head down until the club hits the ball, and then up it comes. You try keeping your head down all through the shot and you will improve your game." And so I did. Some of the greatest professionals after playing all their lives make part of putting their foot on the spot where the ball was before they look up; with their mangle shots, I mean, as the ball would be too far in front of them with any other. They do it because with a mangle shot they are near the pin; the mind is more likely to be on the pin than on the ball, and they do it to force themselves to keep their head down all through the shot.

THE CURATE AND THE CAPTAIN.

You all know the necessity, of keeping your tail up. I remember an old chestnut about a curate who never could keep his tail up. He was fearfully keen on beating the Captain of the club, but never could manage it. At last one fine day he thought he had his man, but, alas, at the critical moment his tail descended, and he lost. Throwing his putter away in a most unclerical manner, he said, "I shan't play you again. I give it up." The Captain told him to cheer up; he would get the better of him one day. He'd die. and the curate could get his own back by burying him. "Pooh," said the curate, "it will still be your hole." (Laughter). The last commandment is more or less redundant if you keep your tail up, but I had to introduce it for personal reasons. I had a fierce temper. (Laughter). Not so long ago I was playing a round with an old American friend. He had beaten me 4 and 3. Not because he played good golf but because I played worse. It was one of those days when nothing would go right, and my temper went wrong. Stanley, my boy," he said, "if you tried keeping your temper, you'd play better golf. You're too big a man to lose your temper." That tickled me on the weak spot, and I've never lost my temper at golf since. (Laughter). Of course you ladies have no tempers—(laughter)—but I am sure that none of your gentlemen friends here to-day is smaller, in the way my old friend meant, than I, and I strongly recommend them, when their temper is going astray, to say to themselves "I'm too big a man to lose my temper."

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HON. MR. S. H. DODWELL'S LECTURE.

(Continued from page 4)

THE GRIP.

The grip of the club is a most important matter. A good many ladies I think place the left thumb round the shaft instead of down it. This according to the experts does not give the necessary control of the club at the top of the swing. If you place your left thumb down the shaft it is important that you should place it down the right side—that is just to the right of the centre of the shaft. This gives you much more power with your left wrist. It is exactly as with a tennis racket. If you try to hit a back hand shot with the back of your hand facing the objective of the ball, you can get little strength in it, but if you put your hand more over the racket and turn your wrist back at the same time you can get three times the power into the stroke. So it is with a golf club. I do not suggest that if you are satisfied with your game you should alter your grip, but if you do try placing your left thumb down the shaft, see that it is not down the centre. You can easily tell if it is correct because you should be able to see three knuckles of your left hand as you address the ball instead of only one.

STANCE.

Stance: You should not stand with your knees locked. They should be slightly bent, but the right leg should stiffen up at the top of the swing. You cannot keep your weight on the heels, as it should be, if you stand with stiff legs. At the address the club should be slightly depressed, but not unduly.

FASCINATION OF DRIVING.

Driving is one of the fascinations of the game. There is nothing so exhilarating as hitting a good one off the tee. From observations I cannot think that some of the ladies can get that satisfaction out of their drives that they might. The art of driving consists in swinging the club round in a circle as fast as you can, but so that it is travelling its fastest as it comes on to the ball. The axis around which this circle revolves is an imaginary steel bar transfixing you to the ground as you address the ball. You are merely able to twist your body from the hips. The circle which you should describe should not be too upright. It must be flatter and more round the body than is the case with most ladies.

Mr. Dodwell here gave a demonstration of good driving as taught by Braid, who, he said, asks the player to regard himself as the windings of the spring of a watch when driving. The circle described by the player must not be too upright, and the lecturer thought that a great number of the ladies should attempt flatter circles. He showed how an upright drive was certain to slice the ball. In the illustration of the good drive the lecturer pointed out that Braid, Vardon, and Taylor suggest starting the club with the wrist. In the cinema pictures, the great players are shown using the arm and the shoulder at the same time. The Hon. Member for the Chamber of Commerce, the captain of the Golf Club, had his own views about the use of the wrist in the drive. (Laughter.) All the lecturer would say was that the cinema gentlemen were wrong and it was ridiculous to expect a good drive without allowing the wrist full play. Then the player must be careful not to fall over. Braid was keen, said Mr. Dodwell, on insisting that in a long drive it was essential that the left heel must be torn off the ground. It was also necessary to keep the weight back on the heels.

Mr. Dodwell then gave some useful hints on iron shots. He said that the player must not allow the iron to flop back over the body loosely. The ladies, he thought, often made the great mistake of swinging it too far. In some cases it reminded him of the egg-and-spoon race. It was only necessary to keep the left hand taut to lift the ball as high as one wanted. Braid advocated at the top of the swing.

PUTTING AN INSPIRATION.

Mr. Dodwell then proceeded: "Putting is an inspiration. You ladies probably put better than we men. One of our scratch players maintains that the hole ought to be the size of a soup plate with the green sloping down to it, and then I doubt if he would always get in. His theory is that it takes a golfer to get on the green but that any idiot can get into the hole. (Laughter.) I would like to take this opportunity, now you ladies are present, to give your gentlemen friends a few words on the question of the etiquette of the game. The etiquette should be learnt as soon as the commandments. No player should go round a golf course unless he has first studied the etiquette. There are several requests which are not properly observed on many courses. Replacing your divots is one of them. I believe if you were to take an aeroplane over Happy Valley in the summer, it would look as if it had the small-pox. I always feel when I find my ball reposing in the hole made by somebody else not replacing their divot as if I would like to leave my divots in the hope of catching the ball later, but that is not the spirit in which golf is played. Again, players having lost their

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BOUQUIN PROBLEM AT HOME.

LONDON, December 8th.—The Committee appointed by the Treasury to consider the financing of local housing schemes has presented an interim report of which the most important recommendation is that the local authorities be empowered to issue short-term bonds of up to £100,000.

The report declares that the effect on the country's credit will be very serious if the local authorities are not empowered to issue such bonds, which is already being done by an exceptional demand, and enters the matter for the purpose of financing the whole of the housing scheme.

It suggests that a central authority may combine in the issue of a housing loan and recommends an active campaign to secure the support of investors.

It is estimated that 500,000 houses will cost £125,000,000.

U.S. AND MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, December 8th.—Senator Fall, who was charged with the task of investigating the situation in Mexico, introduced a resolution into the Senate requesting President Wilson to sever diplomatic relations.

REPARATION OF WAR PRISONERS.

BERN, December 8th.—Switzerland has decided to set the former German prisoners of war before the Swiss people for their contribution to the war.

NAVY REVIEW.

PARIS, December 8th.—A Navy review was held at the French Chamber of Deputies.

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VIGNETTES OF HONGKONG.

VI.

They brought me, bound with cords that cut my flesh, to the portal. Internal engines coughed steam at me from one side; sheer as a dance floor after the 10th drink fell the rails.

"Enter," they said, "this is the Place."

A tunnel of cold stone, uncarpeted, unvarnished, odorous of hawkers and their wares, led up to a flight of steps. I could not face their greeting. "Ch!" bellowed with cheer and horror, I lurched to the left. Over covered billiard tables I saw drinks, and breaking from my captors, I rushed towards them.

"Residents!" said the tender. "Port," I replied.

"No can do," said he. A raucous laugh from outside told me that I was shut in this pestilential place. I beat frantically on the door. It was locked on the other side. Rushing up the stone steps I was met by a boy. Seeing my reddened eye he wilted to a corner. Unhindered, by groups of curious folk who seemed to live there, I reached a balcony, where space stretched limitless past sky and sea to the infinite. I took them to my bosom in one wild leap. Down down.

"You'll be late for the office dear," said the Perfect Angel, pulling off the red clothes.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

DISORDERS IN ROME.

Rome, December 8th. The Chamber resumed amidst a strike proclaimed by the Socialists as a protest against the beatings they received in the street demonstrations of December 1st. The walls were plastered with manifestoes castigating Bolshevism and imploring the workers to act without delay in supporting their Russian brethren. Extraordinary police measures were taken to prevent disorders. The neighborhood of the Chamber was occupied by the military with machine-guns in readiness, while armoured cars and cavalry were patrolling the streets. A violent sitting opened the President invited the Socialists to take the oath. They refused, and the President, after a long conference with the military, ordered the Socialists to be expelled from the Chamber. There was a disturbance when the name of a deputy was called who was confined to his bed as a result of a beating received on December 1st. The Socialists abusing the members of the Chamber and especially the War Minister, whom they accused of allowing officers to beat Socialists. There was not any serious incident.

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THE PRINCE OF WALES.

London, December 8th. The Prince of Wales, in the course of replying to a toast proposed by the King on the occasion of being entertained at a banquet at Buckingham Palace on his return to Great Britain, said his tour of Canada had intensified his desire to see more of the Empire. He was looking forward keenly to visiting Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India in the near future.

THE AMERICAN COAL STRIKE.

New York, December 8th. The Times correspondent says that East Coast hundreds of mines are still idle and there is no sign of the men resuming work. The Fuel Controller has appealed to the public voluntarily to undergo restrictions more severe than in war-time, including lighted nights in the cities, and the suppression of electric signs. The distribution of coal is limited to Government services and essential industries.

SPAIN.

Madrid, December 8th. The Cabinet have decided to remain in office.

PRINCE ALBERT A MASON.

London, December 8th. Prince Albert has been initiated in the Navy Lodge of Freemasons.

CZECHO-SLOVAKS IN SIBERIA.

Bratislava, December 4th. The Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia, interviewed by Reuter, said that part of the Mission sent to England is concerned with the repatriation of 15,000 Czechoslovakians in Siberia. America had agreed to transport half of them from Vladivostok, and probably Poland and Japan would undertake to transport the remaining Japanese would probably provide the ships for the latter half.

DIAMOND BUSINESS IN THE FAR EAST.

London, December 8th. Presiding at a meeting of the South African Diamond Corporation, Mr. Leonard Oppenheimer, chairman, drew attention to the enormous extension of the diamond business in the Far East in recent years, and said that India, China, Japan, the Straits Settlements, the Dutch Indies and other places in the East were today bigger buyers than the twenty countries, who were now out of the running, were before the war. Thus the diamond which at one time was threatened by the economical collapse of Germany, Russia, and Austria was now thoroughly re-established.

RATIFICATION OF THE OPIUM CONVENTION.

London, December 8th. In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Agg Gardner, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth stated that Section III of Article 295 of the Peace Treaty implied clearly that the ratification of the Peace Treaty was to be interpreted as covering both the signature of the special protocol which opened the Hague Conference in accordance with the resolutions passed at the third Opium Convention in 1914 for bringing the said Convention into force. All the more then must it be held to cover the signature of the special protocol in the case of the Powers which had already ratified the Opium Convention.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."] DEATH OF COLONEL ROBERTSON OF PEKING.

Peking, December 8th. Colonel Robertson, British Military Attaché, died last night at the American Hospital, Tientsin, where he had undergone, ten days ago, an operation for appendicitis. His remains will be accorded a military funeral in Peking on Wednesday.

Send your Evening in a "WALLA WALLA" Launch.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE HOSTEL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

A tablet will be erected in the Great Hall giving a list of the donors together with the objects for which they have subscribed. A free scholarship scheme for donors of \$1,000 and upwards is also recommended.

For this extension scheme the following sums have already been kindly promised:

Dr. Wu Ting Fang \$10,000
Mr. G. Banker 10,000
Messrs. Ma Ying-piu
Chan Hatt and Ma
Wing Chan 10,000

Donations have also been thankfully received from the following gentlemen:—The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, \$1,000; Sir Robert Ho Tung, \$1,000; Mr. Ho Kung Tung, \$1,000; Sir Ellis Kadoorie, \$500; and General Chan Ping Kwan, \$500. Small sums have also been collected by Mr. Stewart. Mr. Banker and the students amounting to \$3,000. Here I am pleased to say that the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak has expressed his willingness to contribute a further sum of money, if necessary.

The Hostel which His Excellency the Governor has graciously consented to open to-day is the first part of the extension scheme. Its early realization is due to the Rev. A. D. Stewart, whose strong desire to do good to the Chinese is well known and much appreciated, by his advancing a large portion of the cost for the erection, which amounted to \$86,000. The Committee, therefore, decided that all donations received for the extension scheme will be first applied for the reduction of the loan so advanced while the other part of the scheme will be taken in hand whenever the amount of donations received and the Trustee's approval warrant a start.

The Committee, however, feels that this year has not been a good year for getting in subscriptions for projects of this nature. Much money in the Colony had been tied up in ventures which are expected to give a quick return while many calls for charities are being made upon the generosity of the community. However, the scheme is one for the good cause of education and the committee is confident that the general public, especially the Chinese community, and all well wishers of the College will ultimately come forward and give their generous support to enable the entire scheme to be carried out in the near future. (Applause.)

THE BISHOP'S SPEECH.

The Bishop of Victoria said: Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—We have had a good many functions in connection with St. Paul's College and they are always characterised by enthusiasm and vigour. We are very pleased to-day to have His Excellency the Governor with us. We feel that it is an immense help to us to have his sympathy and kindly interest in the work that we are trying to do. We welcome him and greatly appreciate that he has devoted part of his valuable time to come here to-day and declare the Hostel open. There are many things that one is glad of at this time: one is glad that we have so many hundreds of boys committed to our charge; one is thankful to know that there are in many business houses, in Hongkong, in China and indeed in other parts of the world young men who are doing very good work, who are good examples of English culture and who, at any rate, know what truth and honesty mean, and one is greatly cheered by getting testimonials from employers of some of our young men saying how much they appreciate the work performed by the boys trained in St. Paul's College. Some of the students, I am glad to say, are now candidates for the sacred Ministry. We never forget the primary object for which this College was founded more than seventy years ago, namely to train Christian teachers, and we are glad to notice that many who are trained here come forward to offer their service for Christian teaching. We think, Sir, that Christian teachers are best trained side by side with others. We think that it is best for their breadth of view and general usefulness in life if they are not shut up in seminaries and trained under secluded conditions. They rub shoulders with other boys of other religions and other views on life altogether, and we can be sure that if Christianity does not stand that test the candidates are not of very much use as Christian ministers. Therefore, we are glad to know that in this College some are being trained, or, at least, receiving their early education with a view to joining the ministry of the Church. We are greatly cheered by the interest we have always found in the Chinese gentlemen take in this College. You have heard from Mr. Tso that the extensions which were made a few years ago were entirely subscribed for in a very short time by the Chinese, and when it became necessary to set on foot this very extensive extension we certainly would not have dared to embark upon it but for the encouragement we received from the Chinese. They seem to appreciate the moral training that their boys get in a school like this and here I would like to express my hearty thanks to the gentlemen of the Extension Committee who have laboured so zealously on behalf of this scheme. I am glad this very fine building is now complete. I think it does the architect

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and contractor credit and I must congratulate them on the very quick manner in which they put up this building. It is well built, thoroughly well built. There is no scamped work here, but no time has been lost in erecting it. I have only one regret about it, and that is that it is not yet entirely paid for. It seems to be a very difficult time to get any money in Hongkong just now. I do not know whether the high dollar leads people to invest their money in sterling or American money or something, but at any rate some friends very kindly disposed towards this College and anxious to help us tell us they are very sorry but money is very tight at the present time. I am very sorry that a really heavy burden of debt, remaining on the College, falls upon the shoulders of Mr. Stewart. I was glad to hear Mr. Tso's cheery report and I am sure that the co-operation of the Chinese gentlemen will not let the burden of that debt remain long.

CHINESE STUDENTS' WORK.
The Rev. A. D. Stewart said: Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen.—Before handing the key to your Excellency to open the door, I have a small favour to ask. Just recently in connection with the subscriptions for this building, the students themselves have been going around and having a subscription campaign and we thought it would be rather nice on an occasion like this to present a prize to the one who got the largest amount. We collected altogether close on \$2,000. One student, who has been given a half holiday (6 days) for the occasion, is here this afternoon. He managed to collect \$200 and I ask your Excellency to present him with this silver medal. His name is Eric Wong Tape. His Excellency presented the medal to Master Wong Tape and congratulated him.

The Rev. A. D. Stewart then announced that the silver key with which His Excellency would open the building was the gift of the architect, Mr. Samy.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.
His Excellency: My Lord Bishop, ladies and gentlemen.—I had much pleasure in accepting the invitation to open this magnificent building and I have been much interested in hearing the report Mr. Tso has read to us. You know, all of you, at least as much as I do, about the excellent work which has been done in the past by St. Paul's College and I assure you, you do not appreciate it any more fully than I do. I am specially glad that the building, which first brings me into connection with this school, should be a hostel, as it always seems to me in educational matters that it is outside the actual class-rooms, the most important part of school life, and the spirit of association and discipline and fellowship which is acquired by living in company with one's fellow students is, perhaps, the most valuable part of one's education. I have been extremely pleased to hear what the Bishop says of the desirability of training students, not in a narrow place where they learn a stock by themselves, but among persons of different views and religions so that they may be quite sure that the convictions they hold are not merely those taught them by their masters but those which they have arrived at after

weighing the views of other persons with whom they are brought into contact. I feel sure that now that the figures of the debt on the building have been brought to your notice, it will be only a question of a short time before the generosity of this community, which has already been well proved in the past, will remove the burden from Mr. Stewart's shoulders. I cannot think that a wealthy and generous community like this will allow the debt to remain for any appreciable time even though the dollar may be high. I have much pleasure in opening this building and praying that the blessings of God may rest on the labours of the College. (Applause.)

His Excellency then unlocked the door, declaring the building open, the party then proceeding on a tour of inspection. Refreshments were provided on the roof where a string band was in attendance.

POST-OFFICE.

The s.s. "Lionsberg" which left this port for Saigon on 8th Nov. and is reported a total wreck was carrying 19 parcels, 49 registered letters and 3 bags of ordinary correspondence from Hongkong to Saigon.

Telegraphic communication with Wuzien Lighthouse is interrupted.

The Money Order Service with the Philippine Islands has been temporarily suspended.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammara in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 6 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, December 10.
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A RICSHA-TRUCK COLLISION.

A LADY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Before Mr. R. O. Hutchison this morning, the driver of a truck was charged with reckless driving, and causing damage to a ricksha to the extent of \$30. Inspector Garrod prosecuted, and said that at 4.30 p.m. on November 20 truck No. 495 was proceeding from Kowloon City to the slaughter house with a load of pigs. It was driven by four coolies, and was going at a fast pace. A ricksha No. 527 with Mrs. Mow Fung in was returning from Kowloon City. The truck collided with the ricksha, but Mrs. Mow Fung, who saw the approach of the truck, had already jumped out. The ricksha was badly smashed up, and damage was done to the extent of \$30. The ricksha driver was assaulted by the coolies.

The ricksha driver stated that after the collision had occurred, he went up to the truck to see the number. He was assaulted by the men, and he reported it at the Police Station. Mrs. Mow Fung said that while returning in a ricksha from Kowloon City, she noticed a truck coming towards her. The speed was so fast that she expected a collision with the ricksha, so she jumped out to the road. Just then the truck collided with the ricksha which was damaged. The ricksha coolie went up to see the number of the truck, but he was assaulted by the coolies. She told the coolie that she had got the number of the truck, and instructed him to send up a ricksha from Kowloon, and to report to the Police.

Mr. Mow Fung, the owner of the ricksha, said that on the evening of the 20th ult., the ricksha was brought back to the depot in a damaged condition. One of the wheels was smashed, and one or two spokes were broken on the other wheel. The axle was bent. The vehicle was also seen by Sergeant Fox.

The defendant said he was on the shaft of the truck at the time. He had told the other coolies to put on the brake on going down the steep road. The only damage was a broken spoke and he had offered to pay compensation.

Inspector Garrod said he would call Sergeant Fox to give evidence as to the damage. His Worship remanded the case until the 18th.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. B.I. & A.L. s.s. Japan left Singapore for this Port on the 8th instant at a.m., and is due here on the 13th instant. The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. Express of Asia arrived at Yokohama on Dec. 4, left there Dec. 6 noon, and is due at Vancouver on Dec. 15. The C.P.O.S. Co's S.S. Methven arrived at Singapore on Dec. 7, leaves there Dec. 14, and is due at Hongkong on Dec. 21. The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. Montevideo left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Nov. 24, and is due here on or about Dec. 28.

ARRIVALS.

December 9.
BANYANG, Brit., 1,383 tons, from Wuhu, Capt. Passmore, Wo Fat Sing, 43.
PREUMPENH, Brit., 1,065 tons, from Saigon, Capt. Hamilton, Wo Fat Sing, 43.
LOONGSANG, Brit., 1,092 tons, from Manila, Capt. W. Broder, J.M. & Co., 43.
BANRI MARU, Jap., 2,348 tons, from Moji, Capt. T. Tani, Dodwell, 43.
WYTHEVILLE, Amer., 4,069 tons, from Boston, Capt. D. E. Rodick, Admiral Line, 44.
MUROTO, Jap., 1,346 tons, from Kure, Capt. Takano, M.B.K. Junk Bay, 44.
SATSUKI MARU, Jap., 1,300 tons, from Chin-wan-tao, Capt. T. Yabuta, Dodwell, 43.
YACHIYO MARU, Jap., 784 tons, from Chin-wan-tao, Capt. Morisada, Dodwell, 43.

CLEARANCES.

December 8.
LAISANG, Brit., 6,30 a.m., for Kobe, J.M. & Co.
EBANG, Brit., 6 a.m., for Shanghai, J.M. & Co.
GUYANG, Brit., noon, for Shanghai, R.B.S.
HOIHOW, Brit., 6 a.m., for Wuhu via Chinkiang, R.B.S.
ASIA MARU, Jap., 9 a.m., for Kobe, N.Y.E.
CANTON MARU, Jap., 6 a.m., for Haiphong, Y.K.K.
RWANGLER, Chi., 7 a.m., for Dairen, Yee Tai Hong.
OHANGHOW, Brit., noon, for Bangkok via Swatow, B.S.
VICTORIA, Brit., noon, for Melbourne via Manila and Porto, China Australian Line.

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